

Suzuki et al., singly or in combination, teaches or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and claims 2-8 and 10-14, which depend therefrom are allowable over the cited references.

Independent claim 15 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 15 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "disposing a sheet material between the light source and the second substrate, wherein at least a portion of one edge of the sheet material is not directly under the non-transparent film". None of the cited references including AAPA or Suzuki et al., singly or in combination, teaches or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 15 and claims 16-23, which depend therefrom are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

1 (AMENDED). A liquid crystal display device used with a light source, comprising:
a first substrate;
a second substrate having first and second surfaces, wherein the first surface is disposed against the first substrate; [and]

a non-transparent film coated on a periphery of the second surface of the second substrate to substantially block light emitted from the light source; and

a sheet material disposed between the light source and the second substrate, wherein at least a portion of one edge of the sheet material is not directly under the non-transparent film.

10 (AMENDED). The liquid crystal display device of claim [9] 1, wherein the sheet material includes a protective sheet, a prism sheet, and a diffusion sheet.

11 (AMENDED). The liquid crystal display device of claim 10, wherein the first substrate comprises first and second surfaces, the second surface of the first substrate being disposed against the first surface of the second substrate, wherein a non-transparent material is formed on a periphery of the second surface of the first substrate.

15 (AMENDED). A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device for use with a light source, comprising [the steps of]:
providing a first substrate;

providing a second substrate having first and second surfaces, wherein the first surface is disposed against the first substrate; [and]

coating a non-transparent film on a periphery of the second surface of the second substrate to substantially block light emitted from the light source; and

disposing a sheet material between the light source and the second substrate, wherein at least a portion of one edge of the sheet material is not directly under the non-transparent film.

16 (AMENDED). The method of claim 15, wherein the first substrate comprises first and second surfaces, the second surface of the first substrate being disposed against the first surface of the second substrate, wherein a non-transparent material is formed on a periphery of the second surface of the first substrate.

17. (AMENDED) The method of claim 15, wherein a non-transparent material is formed on a periphery of the first [and] surface of the second substrate.